

Regular Chat Room
December 9th and 11th, 2025
Theme: Texting (携帯で送るメッセージ)

Self-introductions for new participants:

- What is your name?
- Where are you from?
- What do/did you do for work (job title, raised children, etc.)?
- What do you like to do for fun?

Questions:

1. How do you send messages? Do you use SMS, messaging apps, or both?
 - a. Do you use one more than the other?
2. How often do you message people? A few times a day? A few times an hour?
3. Does your phone plan limit the amount of messages you can send? Do you have to pay per character or per message?
4. Do you use any abbreviations or shorthand when sending messages? What are some examples?
 - a. Why do you use abbreviations or shorthand?
5. Do you use emojis? Which do you use most often? Which is your favorite?
 - a. Do you use memes or stamps? Which do you use most often? Which is your favorite?
 - b. Does your app or service of choice offer a “reaction” function (where you can react to people’s previous messages)? How do you use it and why?
6. Do you usually send long messages (four lines or more) or short messages (three lines or less)?
 - a. Do you ever adjust the length or content of your messages to match the other person?
 - b. What is the longest message you’ve ever sent? Why was it so long?
7. Have you ever misunderstood the meaning of a text message?
 - a. How did you find out the true meaning?
 - b. Do you take steps to ensure that your texts aren’t misunderstood? What do you do? (What have you done in the past?)
8. In what situations do you prefer to text rather than call? When do you call rather than text? When do you send an email rather than call or text, and vice versa?
 - a. Would you rather only be able to make phone calls or only be able to send texts for the rest of your life?